

glance at the street pattern in Biscoe points up the fact that its streets not only provide poor traffic flow but also poor access to many areas of the town. Practically all of the streets are too narrow. Paving widths range from only 12 to 18 feet, with no on-street parking space. Some of the streets just dead-end rather than tying into other streets. The many offset intersections greatly impede traffic flow. This fact, along with the problem of lack of continuity makes it extremely difficult to develop additional crosstown routes. Prime examples of this are Mill and Hunsucker Streets and Brooker, Maple and Brendana Streets. For greatest efficiency, Oak Street parallels South Main Street too closely; and Clegg Street is too close to Brooker Street. It may be more economical in the long run to abandon some of the dedicated streets and open new ones.

The railroad, which at one time was instrumental in the growth of Biscoe, now presents some transportation and development problems. There are no grade separated crossing of streets and railroad. A long freight train could not only block the one east-west crosstown street, but conceivably also at the same time block the other five crossings. Should a major fire erupt across the railroad from the fire station, loss of property and life could result before passage for fire fighting equipment could be opened. Right-of-way problems have prevented the widening of North and South Main Streets and the provision of badly needed parking strips between the highway and the railroad.

A lack of adequate sidewalks has already been referred to. What few sidewalks that exist are in the central business area along the east side of South Main Street and along both sides of East Main Street for about a block or two. Most of this, however, is too narrow and badly broken. In a spot or two, it actually presents a hazard to the pedestrian, as at the south corner of Hunsucker and South Main Streets. Adequate, protected sidewalks or walkways are one of the elements that shoppers demand if they are going to patronize the area. And as has been mentioned previously, sidewalks are needed leading to Biscoe